Since the inquiries are secret in nature, the inputs are not divulged in the public interest.

AG report on the purchase of Defective Jammer at exorbitant price

5147. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller & Auditor General of India has castigated the Ministry of Home Affairs for purchasing a defective jammer at an exorbitant price;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what corrective action, if any, has been taken in the matter; and

(d) if answer to (c) above is in the negative the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Comptroller & Auditor General of India in its Report No. 2 of 2002 (Civil) for the period ending March 2001 has observed that an expenditure of Rs. 75.09 lakhs was incurred on purchase of a mini Jammer to deal with anti-explosive bomb operations by NSG for VIP security, had been rendered infractuous, as reportedly the jammer did not meet the specifications and failed to jam the communication equipment.

(c) and (d) For providing VIP security, Government had decided to procure a Mini Jammer (Model: DTJ-920) for National Security Guard (NSG) by import through Special Protection Group (SPG).

However, NSG found the Jammer not meeting the needs of mobile security. The SPG was of the view that the Jammer was meeting the specifications of the model.

A joint trial of the Jammer revealed that while it can be effectively used for deployment in static locations like public rostrum, conference hall etc. the system when installed on the VIP vehicle itself may only provide limited protection.